Seven years ago, the maternal death rate in Haiti was 500 deaths per 100,000 women. This has since dropped to 480 deaths per 100,000 women (World Bank, 2018).

Access to skilled birth attendant before, during and after childbirth saves the lives of women and infants, and ensures a good start in life.

In 2006, when MFH Haiti started, 75% of women delivered without a skilled birth attendant. This percentage has since dropped to 58.8% (UNICEF/WHO, 2017).

We train and empower skilled birth attendants to provide culturally appropriate health interventions.

Similarly, in 2012 the infant death rate was 56.8 per 1,000 and has now dropped to 49.5 per 1,000.

We work alongside the Haitian Ministry of Health and local community leaders. Our programs are led by and for Haitians.
Like students all over the world, our midwifery cohort was directly affected by the pandemic, and the students were sent home for six months. However, thanks to a generous donation arranged by long time volunteer Sarah Taylor, the students had access to personal tablets, so we were able to create opportunities for distance learning. And when the students returned, they had a brand new outdoor classroom, thanks to our donors. The outdoor classroom seats all of our students two meters apart, in compliance with government social distancing regulations.

In 2020, we conducted 6252 prenatal visits, as well as 409 postnatal appointments at our 8 community clinics. These clinics are scattered throughout the Central Plateau.

In 2020, 257 babies were born peacefully at the birth center in Cabestor. We conducted 2178 prenatal appointments, 715 postpartum visits, and 174 home follow ups, for a total of 3224 patient contacts.

Our midwives and students caught 3119 babies in 2020, and there were 4845 prenatal visits as well as 3666 postpartum appointments. The neonatal death rate at the hospital fell from 6.1% in 2019 to 5.3% in 2020, a stunning achievement in the midst of a pandemic. The maternal death rate rose very slightly, from .50% in 2019 to .67% in 2020. This is unfortunately to be expected during a disease event, where so many women presented with complicated clinical cases.

We support local traditional birth attendants to make their out of facility births as safe as possible by providing monthly continuing education and distributing Clean Delivery Kits (CDKs). This was especially important in the early days of the pandemic, when so many women remained in their villages to birth, for fear of the virus. With the support of our donors, we were able to provide 1093 CDKs to our ma wons, (along with N95 masks and other forms of personal protective equipment) and 301 of them attended monthly check-ins with our staff. These matwons reported 1037 births, an increase of 192 over 2019. We are delighted to be able to support our matwon colleagues, as they work to make births safer in their villages in the midst of a global outbreak.
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